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SUBJECT: PM KIRK VISITS INDONESIA - PARLIAMENTARY SPEECH

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INTRODUCTION AND SUMMARY:

1. FIRST STATE VISIT TO INDONESIA BY NEW ZEALAND  
PRIME MINISTER GOT OFF TO AUSPICIOUS START WITH  
KIRK'S SPEECH TO PARLIAMENT IN WHICH HE OFFERED  
SUPPORT FOR BUT DID NOT REQUEST MEMBERSHIP IN ASEAN,  
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SUGGESTED BUT DID NOT PUSH A WIDER REGIONAL FORUM,

ADVOCATED INDONESIA'S ARCHIPELAGO CONCEPT AND OFFERED MORE NZ TRADE AND ASSISTANCE. END.

2. KIRK WAS MET ON ARRIVAL DEC 13 BY PRESIDENT SUHARTO, SENIOR GOI OFFICIALS AND DIPLOMATIC CORPS. LATER IN THE DAY THE TWO LEADERS HAD AN HOUR'S PRIVATE CONVERSATION (ONLY INTERPRETER PRESENT), WHICH THEY REFUSED TO COMMENT ON, WHICH WAS FOLLOWED BY A STATE BANQUET IN EVENING.

3. IN SPEECH BEFORE PARLIAMENT DEC 14 KIRK FIRST STRESSED NEW ZEALAND'S PRESENT ASIAN, AS OPPOSED TO FORMER EUROPEAN, ORIENTATION, AND ITS FRIENDSHIP FOR GOI AND INDONESIAN PEOPLE. AGAINST THIS BACKGROUND, MAJOR POINTS MADE BY KIRK INCLUDED:

A. ASEAN: NZ WELCOMES ASIAN INITIATIVES FOR REGIONAL ASSOCIATION, BUT DOES NOT EXPECT TO JOIN ASEAN. NZ WOULD, IF INVITED BY ASEAN, DO WHATEVER IT COULD TO BE OF ASSISTANCE "FROM WITHOUT," AND WOULD WELCOME

SOME FORM OF COOPERATION WITH ASEAN SPECIAL COMMISSIONS. NZ WELCOMES ASEAN CONCEPT OF A ZONE OF PEACE AND NEUTRALITY AS A LONG-TERM OBJECTIVE, AND NZ IS ALSO LOOKING INTO POSSIBILITY OF A NUCLEAR FREE ZONE IN SEA.

B. OTHER REGIONAL ORGANIZATIONS - IN PRESENT ERA WHEN GREAT POWER CONFRONTATION IN ASIA HAS EASED, NZ FEELS THAT, IN LONG RUN, THERE SHOULD ALSO BE A WIDER FORUM "FOR DISCUSSION" INCLUDING CHINA AND JAPAN AS WELL AS SEA NATIONS. KIRK STRESSED HIS REALIZATION THAT SEA NATIONS (READ INDONESIA) FEEL THE TIME IS NOT YET RIPE AND WILL NOT (UNLIKE WHITLAM HE CLEARLY IMPLIED) TRY TO PUSH THEM IN THAT DIRECTION. MEANWHILE NZ WILL MAINTAIN A MODEST PRESENCE IN SEATO AND FPDA TO MEET "CONCERNS" OF CERTAIN (UNSPECIFIED) FRIENDLY NATIONS. (COMMENT: KIRK SAID NOTHING ABOUT THE SOUTHWEST PACIFIC CONSULTATIVE GROUP (REF B), LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ALTHOUGH HE DID MAKE FAVORABLE REFERENCE TO IT IN REPLY TO SUHARTO'S WELCOME AT THE STATE BANQUET.)

C. ARCHIPELAGO - NZ "ENDORSE" ARCHIPELAGO CONCEPT AND WILL SUPPORT INDONESIA'S POSITION AT LOS CONFERENCE. KIRK ADDED THAT QUESTION OF PASSAGE OF VESSELS THROUGH ARCHIPELAGO WATERS MUST, HOWEVER, BE WORKED OUT. (COMMENT: HE MADE NO MENTION OF STRAITS.)

D. NEW ZEALAND ASSISTANCE - KIRK'S GOVERNMENT HOPES  
WITHIN THREE YEARS TO TREBLE NZ ASSISTANCE TO LEVEL OF ONE  
PERCENT OF GNP. INDONESIA IS "NUMBER ONE COUNTRY"  
IN RECEIVING NZ ASSISTANCE AT PRESENT AND NZ WOULD BE  
PREPARED TO DO MORE IN ASSISTING SUCH AREAS AS  
GEOTHERMAL DEVELOPMENT, FORESTRY AND MILK PRODUCTION.

E. NEW ZEALAND-INDONESIAN TRADE - PRESENT BALANCE OF  
TRADE IS IN NEW ZEALAND'S FAVOR; NZ WOULD WELCOME VISIT  
OF AN INDONESIAN  
TRADE DELEGATION TO DISCUSS WAYS  
OF INCREASING TRADE AND NARROWING GAP.

4. COMMENT: IN HIS PARLIAMENTARY ADDRESS (WHICH  
WAS RATHER SURPRISINGLY POORLY ATTENDED BY BOTH  
INDONESIANS AND DIPLOMATIC CORPS) KIRK MADE IT  
CLEAR THAT NZA WILL NOT TRY TO FORCE ITSELF INTO  
SEASIAN COUNCILS, ALTHOUGH IT WOULD WELCOME A GREATER  
DEGREE OF ASSOCIATION WITH NATIONS OF THE AREA. THIS  
APPROACH SHOULD PROVE TO BE "JUST RIGHT"  
WITH HIS INDONESIAN HOSTS.  
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